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### **Exercise Southern Accord to Begin in July**

Lilongwe, Malawi – U.S. Army Africa, with Southern African Development Community partner nations will conduct Southern Accord 14, in Lilongwe, Malawi from July 15-31, 2014.

This US Africa Command exercise is a combined joint exercise designed to increase the ability of both forces to respond to humanitarian disasters and peace keeping operations, while enhancing interoperability. The exercise will bring together the participants in a command post exercise, which will focus on integrating SADC partner nations with U.S. forces to conduct planning for peace enforcement operations.

This year, Southern Accord 14 will emphasize developing the abilities to plan, deploy, employ, sustain and redeploy a rapid deployment force in response to a regional crisis.

Once the exercise is complete, U.S. participants will return to their home station.

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